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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : P.A. Duffy
LALANNE et al :
Serial No.: 09/980,054 : Group: 1645
Filed: February 15, 2002 :
For: NOVEL...THESE GENES :

475 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016
September 10, 2004


RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

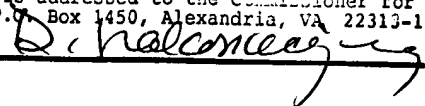
Responsive to the notice of August 31, 2004 relating to the above application,
Applicants are submitting herewith a revised amendment which is a complete listing of
the claims. Also enclosed is a copy of the non-compliant amendment notice. Therefore,
Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented
therein.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the office action of August 31, 2004, please amend this application
as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.